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Sir:

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JP 2000-325481 is not in the English language, therefore, attached is a machine translation of same.

SU 726692 is also not in the English language. Claim 1 of the patent discloses a

protective mask comprising a casing with an obturator restricting the under-mask space, the top part of which is connected via air supply channels with a source, and the lower part, adjacent to a chin wall, connected to a discharge opening, *wherein*, in order to reduce the load on respiratory organs and increase protection efficiency by enhancing carbon dioxide discharge during exhalation, the mask is provided with a jet element comprising a feeding channel, two bypass and two control channels with adjustable flow-control valves installed within the latter, where one of the bypass channels serves for connecting air supply channels and is connected via the control channel with the under-mask space at the feeding channel connection section, and the other – for ejection of gas discharged through the output opening, and is connected via the control channel in the middle part with its section at the place of connection to the feeding channel.

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